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TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES IS ON SERVICE IN EGYPT.
THE SERBIAN CROWN PRINCE IS AT THE ITALIAN FRONT.
ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN IS ADVOCATED BY DUTCH PAPERS.
VON TIRPITZ RECEIVES A SIGNIFICANTLY SMALL DISTINCTION.
THE GERMANS HAVE AGAIN BEEN DEFEATED EAST OF THE MEUSE.
GERMAN RAIDER WAS CHASED TO SEA AND FORCED TO DESCEND.
DUTCH PAPERS SUGGEST PROHIBITION OF EXPORTS TO GERMANY.
DUTCH MINISTER OF MARINE THINKS TURBANTIA WAS TORPEDOED.
THE KING HAS AUTHORIZED FORMATION OF ROYAL DEFENCE CORPS.
AUSTRIA COMPLAINS AT REPATRIATION OF AUSTRIANS FROM INDIA.
DUTCH ANGER IS INTENSIFIED BY TORPEDOING OF THE PALEMBANG.
GERMAN BOMB WAS DROPPED ON CANADIAN HOSPITAL AT RAMSGATE.
SIR E. GREY CLEVERLY REPLIES TO AUSTRIA ON REPATRIATION QUESTION.
DUKE OF CONNAUGHT HAS INSPECTED CANADIAN WOODSMEN BATTALION.
FOUR GERMAN SEAPLANES HAVE RAIDED ENGLISH SOUTH COAST TOWNS.
3 MEN, 1 WOMAN & FIVE CHILDREN WERE KILLED BY GERMAN RAIDERS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

An Exciting Battle in the Air.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 19, 5.00 p.m.
A Paris communique states:—Our bombardment squadron of twenty-three machines dropped seventy-two bombs on an aviation ground at Sappheim and the goods station at Mulhouse (Mulhausen). Enemy aeroplanes engaged them in battle, and one French and one German machine fell each other. Two German machines fell in flames, while three of the French were seriously damaged and compelled to land in enemy territory.

Germans Again Defeated.

March 19, 5.00 p.m.
A Paris communique shows that the Germans were again defeated east of the Meuse. They made a violent artillery preparation and then at dusk attacked between Vaux and Dambloup, but were hurled back by French curtains of fire.
Following this, there were intermittent artillery actions in the Verdun region. Matters were calm on the rest of the front.
A French aeroplane felled a German at Verdun and a French squadron bombed the station at Metz, where an ammunition depot at Chateau Salins and an aerodrome at Dieuze. Twenty heavy bombs were dropped on the station at Metz.

"THE ROYAL DEFENCE CORPS."

March 19, 8.20 p.m.
Earl Kitchener issues an Army Order announcing that His Majesty the King has authorised the formation of a Corps entitled the Royal Defence Corps, the pay in which is to be the same as in the infantry line.
The objects of the new Corps are not explained: they are possibly connected with the solution of the married men question.

SIR EDWARD GREY SCORES OVER AUSTRIA.

March 19, 4.10 p.m.
It is officially announced that a further Austrian Note alleges that the compulsory repatriation of Austrians from India contravenes the Anglo-Austrian Agreement for the repatriation of British and Austrian subjects, and re-affirms the intention of holding Britain responsible for the safety of Austrians who will be repatriated by the Golconda on her next voyage.
Sir Edward Grey, in reply, points out that the Agreement concerns persons whose detention could not serve any military purpose, and says that it cannot be held to limit the right of a belligerent to repatriate alien enemies in the public interest.
In view of the new submarine threat, Sir Edward Grey repudiates all responsibility for the safety of Austrian subjects by the Golconda on her next voyage. He reiterates that the British Government does not propose to take any precautions on behalf of Austrians which are not taken on behalf of its own subjects, and suggests that the fears regarding Austrians on board the Golconda should be communicated to the Austro-German naval authorities, from whom alone danger is apprehended.

THE TUBANTIA.

Holland's Practical Reprisals.

March 20, 8.30 a.m. (Singapore Time).
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the Minister of Marine states that all the evidence points to the Tubantia having been torpedoed. Divers will examine the wreck on Monday.
The Dutch newspapers suggest that unless the present German submarine methods are discontinued, Holland should prohibit exports to Germany and also arm Dutch merchantmen.

Germany's Unconvincing Denial.

March 19, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter learns that Dutch anger at the sinking of the Tubantia is intensified by the torpedoing of the seventeen-thousand-ton steamer Palembang. The Dutch may demand reprisals.
The Berlin official denial of the sinking of the Tubantia, "because she was not within the war zone," is most unconvincing.

PRINCE OF WALES'S APPOINTMENT.

March 19, 9.30 p.m.
It is officially announced that the Prince of Wales has arrived in Egypt as Staff Captain on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force.

TELEGRAMS.

ANOTHER AERIAL RAID.

German Seaplanes Drop Bombs on Warring Places.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 19, 10.55 p.m.
Two German seaplanes appeared over Dover this afternoon at a height of from five to six thousand feet. The first arrived at 1.47 and dropped six bombs and then proceeded in a north westerly direction, dropping bombs over the town. The second appeared at 2.2 and, after passing over Dover, appeared at Deal at 2.13 and dropped several bombs.

Another pair of seaplanes appeared at Ramsgate at 2.10. They dropped bombs on the town. One then went to the west and the other to the north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb is reported to have been dropped at Margate. The second machine appeared at Westgate at 2.20. Here several of our aeroplanes ascended in pursuit. No bombs were dropped at Westgate.

The casualties so far been reported are three men, one woman and five children killed, and seventeen men, five women and nine children injured.

So far as is ascertainable, forty-eight bombs were dropped altogether. One of them fell on the Canadian Hospital at Ramsgate, causing some damage, but there were no casualties. Several houses were damaged, and some artisan cottages wrecked.

Naval Flight-Commander Bone, in a single-seater aeroplane, pursued one of the German seaplanes thirty miles out to sea, where, after a quarter of an hour's action, he forced it to descend. The German machine was hit many times and the observer killed.

SMALL THANKS FOR VON TIRPITZ.

March 19, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says the Kaiser has sent Admiral von Tirpitz a letter of thanks for his services, and has conferred upon him the Grand Commanderhip of the Hohenzollern Order, a significantly small distinction.

THE SERBIAN CROWN PRINCE.

March 19, 4.00 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, the Serbian Crown Prince has gone to the Italian Front.

RUSSIAN MINISTER RESIGNS.

March 19, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that M. Khovostoff, Minister of the Interior, has resigned.

A CANADIAN WOODSMEN BATTALION.

March 19, 4.00 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that the Duke of Connaught inspected the Woodsmen Battalion, recruited from the lumber camps, which takes overseas its equipment, including portable sawmills.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on Page 8 or on Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

INDIA'S VAST RESOURCES.

March 18, 5.40 a.m.
The Times understands that the Government proposes to appoint a representative Commission, including several Indian members, to survey the economic resources and industrial possibilities of India, with a view to promoting business enterprise after the war. Lord Chelmsford is known to be impressed with the greatness and variety of Indian resources and he and Sir Hugh S. Barnes, heartily acquiesce in the decision. Sir Thomas Holland, of Manchester University, has been appointed chairman of the Commission. The Commission will include two distinguished Indian contributors to the economic development of India, and one Bengali business man. Another will be a Parsee manufacturer and capitalist. There will also be a Mohammedan member, well known for his business capacity.

A SCENE IN THE PRUSSIAN DIET.

March 18, 3.10 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that great disorder was created in the Prussian Diet by a speech by Dr. Liebknecht, the Socialist leader, in which he declared that the present war aimed at thwarting the liberation of the workers. Soldiers, he said, ought to fight not only in the trenches, but against the common enemy. There was a terrific commotion and Herr Liebknecht was ejected.

TURKS REPULSED NEAR ADEN.

March 18, 2.50 p.m.
An official message says that the Turks, led by three Germans, attacked Imad; ten miles from Aden, on March 16, but were severely repulsed and were pursued for four miles. Seventeen dead were picked up. The British had one killed and 17 wounded.

DEATH OF NURI BEY DENIED.

March 18, 11.00 p.m.
The Press Bureau says that the Death of Nuri Bey, reported on February 28 during the fight near Egypt with General Maxwell's force, proves to be untrue, as he was seen disappearing from the field of action on March 14.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

Verdun and the German Object.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

March 18, 3.10 p.m.
Mr. Warner Allen says:—The Germans undoubtedly hoped to capture Verdun but had a second object, namely, to provoke a premature offensive by the Allies on the Western front, calculating that the French, being overwhelmed at Verdun, would appeal to the British to take the offensive. The French resistance proved that they were determined to retain the initiative of attack on the whole front.

Great Aviation Activity.

March 18, 3.50 p.m.
A Paris communique says:—There were heavy bombardments on the greater part of the line, but the Germans were not anxious to follow up by infantry attacks. The feature of the day was the aviation activity, in spite of the misty weather. The French machines fought 32 engagements round Verdun. One Fokker was badly damaged and many heavy bombs were dropped on the station at Conflans, Metz, Dieuze and Arnaville, most severe damage being done.

The British Report.

March 18, 11.20 p.m.
A British communique says:—There is nothing to report beyond artillery activity about: Achicourt, Hohenzollern Redoubt, Bully-Grenay, Wulverghen, Ypres and Wielje.

More Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

March 19, 1.05 a.m.
The Paris communique says:—West of the Meuse, the enemy violently bombarded the region of Bois-Bourrus and Mantevilla. The enemy, on the right of the Meuse, after an intense artillery preparation, launched a series of partial attacks between the village of Vaux and the woods south of Landremont Farm, but they were stopped by our curtain of fire. The enemy failed to approach our trenches at any point. Our batteries have been most active on the whole front, particularly on Woivre, where they exploded a munitions depot. The Germans in Lorraine attacked the Thiaville district and some penetrated our advanced trenches, but were immediately ejected by a counter-attack. Our artillery wrecked enemy trenches in the Bearings region, Belgium, and shelled troops marching between the Oise and the Aisne.

THE RUSSIANS.

March 18, 11.30 p.m.
A Petrograd communique reports one or two minor affairs on the western front. The enemy in the Caucasus attempted a counter-attack on Mamahaton but were repulsed and driven westwards with severe losses.

THE ITALIANS.

March 18, 11.30 p.m.
A Rome communique says: We again bombarded the Toblach station, with visible damage, and there were some fires. Our infantry, supported by our artillery, kept the enemy alert on the whole front.

GERMAN LOSSES ON THE TUBANTIA.

March 18, 12.30 p.m.
The Bolivian Minister at Berlin, who was proceeding homeward on the liner Tubantia, has arrived in Amsterdam wrapped in blankets. He was exhausted and lost uninsured property worth \$12,000 (sterling) and also personal valuables and diplomatic documents. He states that four were killed and several injured. It is reported that there were a large number of German-owned foreign securities aboard the liner intended for sale in New York, via South America. The opinion is expressed that grave financial injury to the owners will be the result of the loss of these. Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Dutch press is unanimous as to the seriousness of the sinking of the Tubantia and urges the Government to combine with the United States and other neutrals to bring Germany to her senses.

AMONG THE CASUALTY LIST.

March 18, 12.30 p.m.
The following are reported unofficially killed in France:—March 3, Lieut. Niel Gavio, formerly a missionary at Anand, East Africa; March 11, Major George Newcombe, 13th Baluchis.

PETITION FOR MR. CHURCHILL'S RETURN.

March 18, 12.30 p.m.
The Manchester Guardian says that a number of Unionist members of the House of Commons are signing a petition for Mr. Winston Churchill to return to the House of Commons.

THE ECONOMIC CONFERENCE AND DOMINIONS.

March 18, 12.30 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa says, in the Senate, a telegram from Mr. Bonar Law was read stating that the economic conference at Paris, so far as after war arrangements are concerned, is for discussion only and does not commit the British Government. If any action is contemplated as the result of the Conference no steps will be taken without full consultation with the Dominions.
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TELEGRAMS.

AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.

Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."
London, Received, March 19.
Reja Sahib of Waziristan has had an audience with the King.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

LEAVING FOR INDIA.

London, Received, March 18.
Sir H. S. Barnes, K.C.S.I., is leaving for India to-day.

SIR W. A. BASSETT'S OPERATION.

London, Received, March 18.
Sir W. A. H. Basset has been operated upon for appendicitis and is progressing favourably.

OBITUARY.

London, Received, March 19.
The death is announced of Mrs. Julia Frankau (Frank Danby), the well known novelist.

SIR L. S. JAMESON UNDERGOES OPERATION.

London, Received, March 19.
The operation on Sir Leander Starr Jameson, President of the British South Africa Company, has proved satisfactory.

NEWS OF SHACKLETON'S EXPEDITION EXPECTED.

London, Received, March 19.
Reuter announces that news of Sir Ernest Shackleton, who left on an Antarctic expedition in 1914 on the Endurance, may be expected at any moment.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Thursday, March 23.
H.K. Lawn Tennis League.

Annual Meeting at the Cricket Club Pavilion; 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, March 25.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.—Extraordinary General Meeting; 11.45 a.m.

H.K.V.C.—Serge's Mess Dinner, Hongkong Hotel; 8 p.m.

Monday, March 27.

Hongkong Club.—Thirtieth Yearly General Meeting; 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28.

Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; noon.

Wednesday, March 29.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.—Meeting of shareholders; 11.30 a.m.

Friday, March 31.

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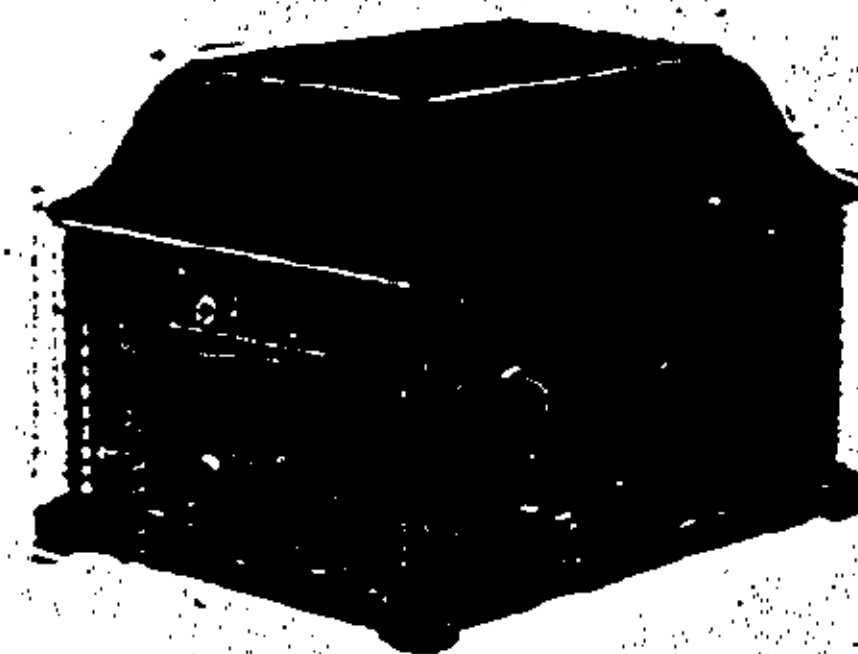
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GENERAL NEWS.

Chinese Football.

A return match between the
President's XI and the Peking
Club XI was played on the for-
mer's private football ground at
Peihai on March 11. The Peking
Club team defeated Yuan Ka-
huan's XI by two goals to one.
The game throughout was well
contested.

The French Legation.

Bangkok, March 7.—Monsieur
Dejean de la Bata, who leaves
to-morrow by the Kuala, proceeds
via Vancouver to Haiti (Port au
Prince), where he has been ap-
pointed Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary. Pending
the return of Monsieur Lefevre
Fontaine, the Legation will be in
charge of Monsieur Toupent. The
Minister, who travelled out via
Siberia, stayed for some time in
Peking, and intends staying about
a week in Hanoi on his way to
Bangkok. He is expected here
about the end of this month.

Railway Accident in Hunan.

Information has just reached
us from Hunan, says the "Peking
Daily News" of March 10, regard-
ing a serious railway accident on
the Chu-Ping Line in that pro-
vince. It appears that a train,
comprising three passenger-cars
and four goods-trucks, became de-
railed while crossing a bridge and
the entire train fell into the river.
The casualties are reported to be
serious, consisting of 50 killed,
10 seriously injured and 60 to 70
passengers slightly injured. The
latter appeared to have suffered
somewhat in the water which was
very cold. They were taken to the
station (Yangsanghi) and given
a change of clothing.

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At Singapore, last week,
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Gamak Estate, Ltd., 6, Kampong
Java Road was charged with fail-
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Companies an annual list of
members, including a summary
and a Balance Sheet in the year
1915. Mr. C. J. Saunders,
Registrar of Companies, explained
the circumstances and accused
pleaded guilty. The District
Judge fined him \$50 and costs.
Mr. Maclean then stated that he
would like to make a statement,
explaining the matter. The Dis-
trict Judge told him it was not
necessary as he had already
pleaded guilty, and that finished
the matter.

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Blue and red pencils have doubled
in price. Half-penny cedars are
almost unobtainable while penny
cedar pencils are 25 per cent.
dearer. The small bottle of ink
at present sold for a penny
will soon probably cost 1½d.
The Japanese are producing
excellent substitutes for German
stationery material and in spite
of the high freight to this coun-
try, prices compare favourably
with those obtained by the Ger-
man manufacturers.—Exchange.

Chinese Plants for America.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Many
new fruits, flowers, vegetables and
trees, believed adaptable to the
United States, have been gathered
during a three-year expedition in
China, just concluded by Mr.
Frank N. Meyer, plant explorer
of the department of agriculture.
Mr. Meyer went through central
China 1500 miles on foot to the
borders of Tibet. The most im-
portant discovery probably was
the jubate tree, which bears a
heavy crop of a brownish fruit,
delicious when fresh and forming
when dried a confection similar to
the Persian date. Officials believe
it offers a new industry to Cali-
fornia and the southwest. Mr.
Meyer discovered a wild peach,
resistant to alkali, cold and
drought, the root system of which
offers great possibilities as a
graffing post, and Chinese per-
simmons, larger than any hitherto
known in this country.For a good solid meal a la
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GENERAL NEWS

New Zealand and the Belgians. From donors at Christchurch, New Zealand, the Lord Mayor of London has forwarded £2,000 to the National Fund for the Relief of Belgium.

To Assist the Secretary of State. The Chinese Government is said to be taking steps for the organization of what is described as a Political Council to consist of the Secretary of State as Chairman and the Senior and Junior Secretaries of State and the Ministers of the different metropolitan Ministries. This is what has been referred to in a local contemporary as indicative of the introduction of a "responsible cabinet."—Peking Gazette.

Queer Incident at Halifax, N.S. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—One officer and three soldiers were seriously injured and five soldiers received minor burns and cuts to-day, when an explosion occurred in the old Cunard Building, where a military class in bomb manufacturing was listening to a lecture by Captain Hurd, of the Sixth military division. Corporals Innes, McPhee, and Stange, all of the Sixty-fourth battalion, and Captain Hurd were the seriously injured. Military authorities are making an investigation.

Heaviest Snow Since 1884. Durango, Colorado, January 29.—Railroad traffic in this part of the State is virtually at a standstill owing to the heavy snowfall, which, it is said, is the greatest since 1884. As a result of the high temperature prevailing, many snowdrifts have occurred; nine buildings have been destroyed in the Silverton district by avalanches. No lives have been lost, but reports of many persons isolated in mining camps on the mountain sides have been received.

The Recent Discovery of Buddhist Relics.

Further particulars regarding the recent discovery of Buddhist relics show that they comprise several deposits found in various stupas at Chir Tope and Taxila during the last two years. The majority are enclosed in small vases of gold, placed inside larger vases of copperstone or silver, and accompanied by gems, coins and articles of jewellery. The stupas which enshrined them belong to the period between 50 B. C. and 100 A. D. In one case the relics were accompanied by an inscription stating that they were relics of the Buddha. Other relics may be of Buddha himself or of his disciples.

The Pilgrims' Return.

New York, January 29.—Sixty-seven members of the Ford peace expedition came home to-day on the liner Rotterdam. Most of them had prepared statements of their views on the expedition and these statements were distributed among the newspaper men who boarded the steamship at quarantine. "Autocratic leadership" was blamed by most of the voyagers for the lack of success that attended their enterprise. Mrs. Ilex Milholland Boissvain, who left the expedition at Stockholm, declared that while the motive and intention of the mission was sincere, it was a failure because it was "an autocratic organization."

"Serious Differences."

A Panama telegram to the Japan Advertiser says:—"Serious differences of an official nature that have arisen during the last few months between Major General George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama canal zone, and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards, commanding the United States troops in the zone, and are to come to a head in Washington, when these two officials reach the capital, according to Governor Goethals. Governor Goethals said that criticisms alleged to have been made by General Edwards have reached the Secretary of War and that the Secretary had requested information on the subject. Governor Goethals declared that General Edwards had had much to say adversely regarding the administration of affairs on the isthmus."

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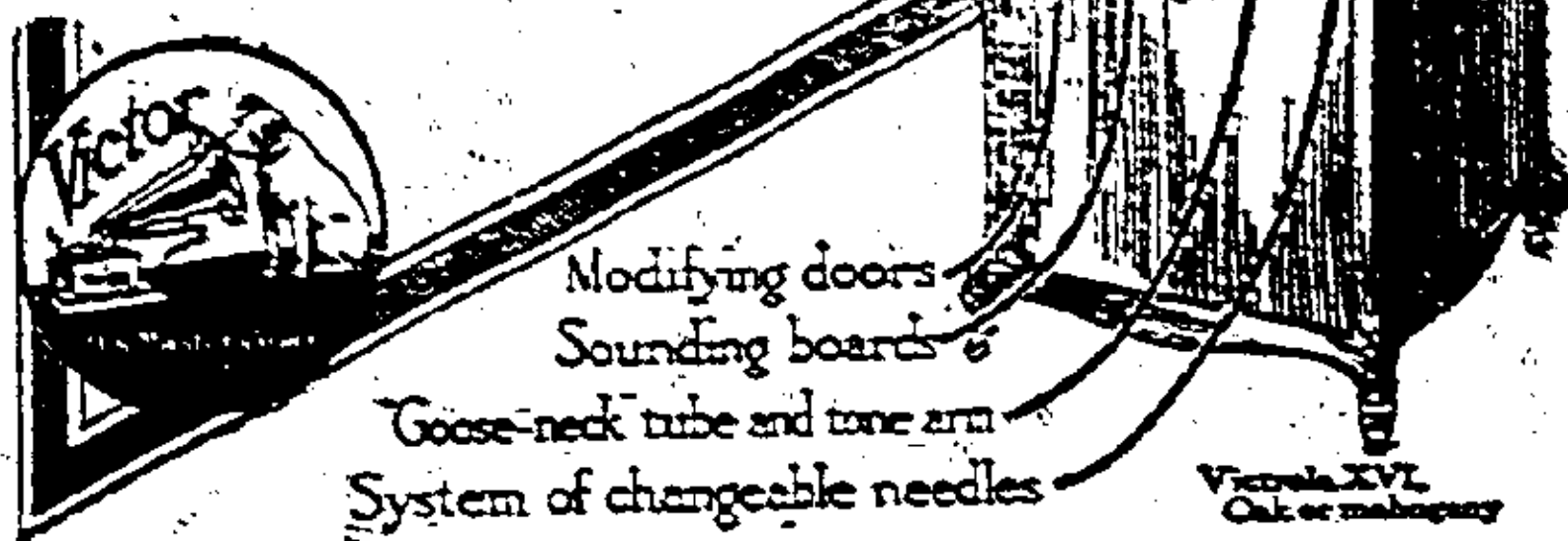
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U. S., the Philippines and Japan.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Mr. McLean, Republican Senator for Connecticut, to-day urged the Senate not to vote for relinquishing sovereignty over the Philippines on the ground that they are a military menace. "The fact is we are afraid of Japan," he said, "and Japan knows it and enjoys it hugely. If we are to release the Philippines because of their hazard, why worry that Japan is seeking a military base in Tarlac Bay on the American side of the Pacific. The Mexicans are enjoying the king of independence we will give the Filipinos if the Clarke amendment carries. They are working out their salvation in their inalienable rights to robbery, arson and murder."

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE 32ND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY'S OFFICE, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1915, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 20th March, to SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Saturday, the 25th day of March, 1916, at 11.45 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution will be proposed—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following—

(a) That after the word "Company" in the 16th line of Article 110 the following words shall be added—

"The General Managers may also with the consent of the Consulting Committee pay such bonus or bonuses as the General Managers shall think fit."

(b) That the words "Bonus or Bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the 18th line of Article 110.

(c) That the words "and bonuses" shall be inserted immediately after the word "Dividend" in the first line of Article 115.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated this 11th day of March, 1916.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
General Managers.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th March, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1915.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to 25th March, both days inclusive.

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Sinking Fund Account—128,230

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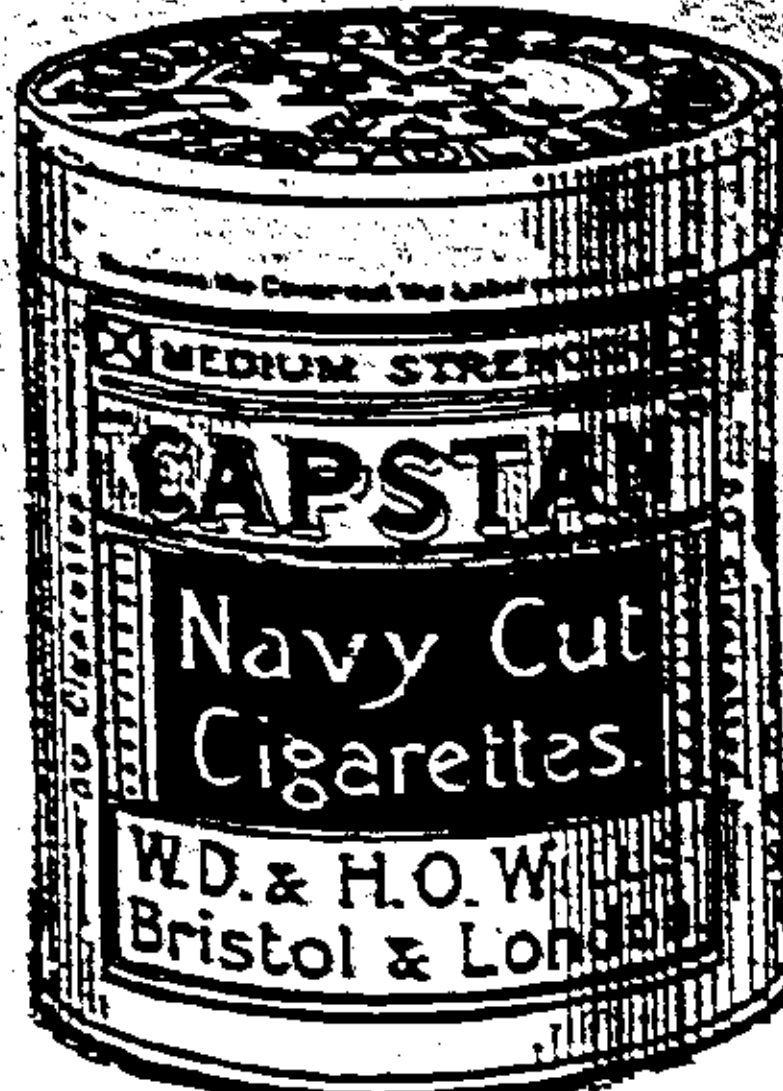
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THE FREIGHT MARKET.

A Remarkable Jump in Rates.

Messrs. Snowman and Co., in their freight circular dated March 18, state:

Our last circular was dated 4th instant at which time the freight market ruled exceedingly high, closing with a strong demand for additional tonnage in the direction Saigon to Hongkong at 82 cents. This figure, however, in the interval has surpassed beyond all expectations, the rate advancing steadily from 82 to 87 cents with only an occasional charter put through during the first part of the fortnight, then remained stationary for a couple of days after which, however, owing to a renewed strong demand and the scarcity of tonnage available, the rate subsequently "jumped" rapidly to \$1.00, \$1.05, \$1.10, \$1.20 per picul for medium sized boats, whilst a couple of Japanese vessels of 65,000/75,000 piculs carrying capacity "chipped in" and accepted 92/95 cents, \$1.00 per picul. A fair business was after all done, several "outsiders" also taking advantage of the unprecedented high rates ruling, but nevertheless at the close, there is still a good demand for tonnage for early next month loading.

There was also a good enquiry for vessels on time charter and though enormously high rates have been offered for periods up to 2 years by charterers, no actual charters could be put through with the exception of the Norwegian s.s. Promethus, 1,024 tons net reg. rechartered at \$27,000 per month, and Norwegian s.s. Kamos 949 tons net reg. at \$27,500 per month, both for balance term of charter.

Saigon/Philippines.—Chartering business in the interval has been confined to Philippine owned boats.

Bangkok.—Owing to Millers being busy in filling contracts for Home, not much Paddy was available for this market, and the rate to this up to last week was nothing better than 80 cents per picul, which compared very unfavourably with the rates ruling from Saigon to this. Latterly, however, a more lively tone has prevailed, resulting in a substantial advance in the rate to \$1.10 per picul, at which figure tonnage is now wanted.

Newchwang/Canton.—The port of Newchwang was expected to re-open by the middle of this month, and the first of the season's charters is reported drawn at 65 cents for a cargo of 25,000 piculs, option from Dalny at 60 cents per picul, which was accepted by a Chinese owned boat, although "liners" were not procurable even at the rate of 75 cents per picul.

Homeward.—Another three vessels are reported going home shortly, the Norw. s.s. Promise 712 tons net reg., Norw. s.s. Pronto 784 tons net reg., and Norw. s.s. Tungus 1,039 tons net reg., where very much better employment can be obtained than on this Coast. This brings the total up to 9 and it is most likely that several others will follow suit.

Coal freight from Japan have undergone a great change. Since a couple of months there have been scarcely any "outsiders" offering, and as a result, local stocks have run out, and all concerned are put to much inconvenience. Importers have the greatest difficulties in fulfilling running contracts, and not being able to listen to any proposals whatsoever from "outsiders," the price locally has soared enormously and is quoted at anything between \$20.00 to \$25.00 per ton f.o.b. Tonnage is in consequence most urgently wanted and indeed, a very high figure could be obtained for any size boat, prompt or forward loading.

Fixture reported.—Hongkong/Swallow, \$3.00 per ton.

The Position at Home.—Messrs. Snowman and Co's latest advices received from London, dated, February 4, 1916, are as follows:—

We confirm our last freight report dated 28th January.

We have at last to advise some easiness in the general freight markets, principally owing to the efforts of our Government, who, realising the seriousness of the position, is now directly or in-

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS.

Solemn Ceremony at Catholic Cathedral.

Yesterday afternoon the annual Lenten outdoor Procession of the Cross took place in the grounds of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in presence of an immense and reverent gathering. A new feature of the function was the presence of the excellent band of the Police Reserve. In former years the Guard of Honour has been made up of British soldiers or blue-jackets, but on this occasion, the whole of the No. 2 Company of the Police Reserve under Inspector Alves undertook the task and added very materially to the imposingness of the ceremony.

Preceded by the boys of St. Joseph's College in charge of the Brothers of that institution, came the members of the Apostleship of Prayer, the Confraternity of the Cross and various other societies with their distinctive banners and badges. The Relic was carried by the Rev. Fr. Nival under a canopy by senior Confraternity members, and, immediately behind, came a figure, life-size, of Christ bearing the Cross. This was followed by the Bishop and the Guard of Honour. A very pretty feature of the procession was afforded by several little girls, dressed in white, who carried representations of the Instruments of the Passion—the Nails, Thorns, Spear, etc.

When the large concourse had twice passed round the cathedral, it re-entered the building, where an admirable sermon was preached by the Rev. Fr. Jayme Martins of Macao.

directly controlling to some extent the available tonnage. What the final result of their efforts will be, it is difficult to foretell, but we do not anticipate a very decided fall, as the supply of tonnage is still decreasing and a large amount of the season's crops have still to be moved. Outward coal rates show a big decline, but America and Plate homewards remain steady, whilst Eastern markets reached the record rate of 220/- from the rice markets.

Far East.—These markets, after being exceedingly firm, are now a little easier owing to the Saigon rice charterers having secured tonnage for their immediate wants, for which however, they had to pay up to 220/-. A considerable quantity of cargo has still to be moved, and although rates might drop a little, we do not expect any decided alteration for some time. Philippine charters are offering 240/- on the d.w. while Kolsichang and Burmah are open to take a large amount of tonnage at a little below what Saigon charterers have been paying.

India.—After 145/- was paid from Bombay, owing to the release by our Government of several vessels in the Mediterranean, these charterers were able to get on at 140/-, and at the present moment, this market may be considered a little easier.

Australis.—The Government brokers still obtain tonnage at recent rates, viz.—95/- for steamers discharging in Australia or if proceeding there in ballast 110/-. Sailing vessels are also being fixed at recent rates, viz.—75/- Home or to South Africa at 65/-.

Regarding coals and other commodities, there is absolutely nothing doing owing to the fact that the Government require all possible tonnage to lift grain.

North Pacific.—This is still a dead market: owing to the scarcity of tonnage, and the market rate may be considered 150/- to 155/- nominal.

Time Charter.—There seems to be little less pressure on the market for steamers for this description of chartering, and the latest fixtures include three boats, one at 28/- for 12 months delivery and redelivery B.K. April, another at 32/- for 3 round trips with delivery and redelivery on this side, while a third steamer has obtained the record rate of 60/- with delivery Baltimore redelivery French Atlantic for one trip, February

DAY BY DAY.

Douglas Dividend.—The Douglas Steamship Co. has declared an interim dividend of \$5 per share, payable on the 27th inst.

Sports Trophy.—In connection with the Queen's College sports, Mr. Chan Shi has offered a cup in the race for Chinese masters, the conditions of which are similar to those in the race for European masters. The cup is inscribed "Queen's College, 1916—Chinese Masters' Race. Presented by Chan Tse-hang."

The Bandman Company.—Mr. Vere Mathews, manager for Maurice E. Bandman, is at present in Hongkong arranging for the forthcoming visit of the Bandman Opera and Comedy Company. The Company is due here by the s.s. Nagoya on or about the 29th inst. and will have a season at the Theatre Royal.

The Week's Infectious Diseases.—In the return of infectious diseases for the week ending March 18, it is shown that there were 14 cases of small pox, 12 of which proved fatal. All the cases occurred among Chinese. There were five cases of diphtheria (two British, one Jew and two Chinese) of which two proved fatal. One Chinese died from enteric fever, this being the only case notified, and one Chinese was found to be suffering from puerperal fever.

Alleged Theft from European.—A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. E. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a sheet and counter pane valued at \$2.00, the property of Mr. N. G. Nolan, 155, Wanchai Road. He was also charged with having house-breaking implements in his possession. Defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges and the case was remanded until tomorrow in order that Mr. Nolan should have an opportunity to appear, it being pointed out he was engaged in the Censor's Office.

Bijou Theatre.—On Saturday night, at the Bijou Theatre, the first instalment of the film "The Extraordinary Adventures of Saturnin Farandoul" was presented. The picture is a remarkably ingenious skit on the more irresponsible of the adventure films which have been going about the world during the past year or two, reducing these very much to the absurd and incidentally providing an endless supply of merriment. We prophesy a great popularity for the picture and shall look forward to seeing the continuation of it.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Two More Reported Declarations.

It is reported in the Colony today that the Provinces of Hunan and Kiangsi have declared their independence of the Central Government. In the case of the latter Province it is stated that the people have elected the Chiang-chun—Li Shun—tath.

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The Register of the Company will be closed from Friday 24 h to Monday 27th, both days inclusive, during which days no Transfer of shares can be made.

Dividend Warrants will be ready on Monday, the 27th inst. and may be obtained on application.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.

General Managers.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1916.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1916, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING, for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1915.
2. To elect a New Committee.
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E. A. M. WILLIAMS,

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Tjikembang	MAKASSAR	25th Mar.	30th Mar.	KOBE
Tjikembang	KOBE	25th Mar.	29th Mar.	BATAVIA
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SPORE, Pang & Cebu	Kumsang	Thur, 23rd Mar. at 3 p.m.
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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 20, 1916

TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

Activity on British Front.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

March 20, 1.30 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig reports artillery activity at Arras and Armentieres. At Wytschaete there were numerous aerial combats in which we were successful in driving off all attacks.

Enemy Trenches Smashed.

March 20, 1.30 a.m.
A Paris communique says: We smashed enemy trenches north of Rheims. The bombardment appreciably slackened north of Verdun, and the enemy made no attack. To-day the French heavy artillery bombarded depots north-east of St. Mihiel.

GERMAN COMMENT ON VON TIRPITZ RESIGNATION.

March 18, 1.25 p.m.
The German papers freely discuss the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz, which they ascribe to Herr Ballin, declaring that the latter warned the Kaiser that the continuance of frightfulness will mean the seizure of all German vessels in neutral ports and will finally alienate South America. Count Reventlow admits that the resignation is so staggering that he is unable to discuss it. The semi-official *Cologne Gazette* admits it is difficult for Germans not to be anxious in this serious crisis, since its origin cannot be publicly discussed, and declares that the idea of the resignation meaning a cessation of submarine warfare is quite unfounded. It concludes with a warning of the evils resulting from public opinion trying to influence military operations.

EXCITING STORY.

Chinese Boatwoman's Strange Tale.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with assaulting a woman named Leung Ho, a licensed boatwoman. Complainant stated that about 12.30 a.m. three fishermen engaged her boat to row them to a junk. When about half way across, one of the men got up and put a piece of rope round her neck. She tried to release her neck and was then pushed into the water. She tried to get up on the sampans, but a man pushed her hands away. The three men rowed the boat away a few feet and she hung on to the yulow and was picked up by another boat. She shouted "Save life!" and all the three men then jumped over board and swam ashore. One of the men was arrested by the police while swimming ashore; and the defendant was the man who put the rope round her neck and pushed her into the water. Complainant's sister, who was on the boat helping to row, said she also was pushed into the water. She could not identify the man who pushed her over board. Sergeant Floyd said it was his belief that the defendant was not the man who should be in the box at all; one of the other men who escaped should be there. One of the men who escaped, it was said by the villagers at Aberdeen, was a former sweetheart of complainant's. There could not have been any attempt to rob, because there were boats all round the place. It was quite feasible that, with the three men and the two women rolling about, the boat might have upset, and they all fell into the water. Defendant made a statement which tallied with the conclusion arrived at by the Sergeant, and was discharged.

Exemplary Sentence for Spatcher.

At the Police Court this afternoon, a Chinese was charged on remand with snatching a banquet from the wrist of a child. The man was sent to prison for 12 months and ordered to receive 24 strokes of the birch.

THE FULL COURT.

A Fresh Appeal Commenced.

The Full Court this morning, composed of Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Mr. Justice Gompertz, considered the appeal against the decision of the Chief Justice in the action of Tong Shun v. Fung Ping-shan and Fung Yee-chai. The original action was heard at great length. It will be remembered that the plaintiff sued the defendants for a declaration that the mortgage on certain property, known as Inland Lot 556, is null and void. The story of the case was that sometime ago the plaintiff lent money to his nephew—by the name of Tong Yat-po—for the purpose of investing it in leasehold property, and the nephew bought the lot named under the name of Tong Shun. Later on, it appeared that the nephew desired to speculate on other property and mortgaged the lot to the defendants for the sum of \$12,000. The plaintiff was at this time in Chicago and he had been pressing his nephew to forward him the title deeds of the lots, and eventually these were forwarded. The plaintiff then found that there were certain mortgage deeds on the property and that the last mortgage deed was not among the papers. He also thought the papers were not in order. He therefore sued for a declaration that the mortgage effected by the nephew was null and void. The Chief Justice decided in his favour, and the defendants are now appealing against this decision. The appellants were represented by Mr. E. H. Sharp, K. C., instructed by Mr. W. E. L. Sherborn, of Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston; and the respondents were represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings. In opening, Mr. Sharp said that the appeal was on mixed law and facts. There was practically speaking, no dispute on the main facts, but the appellants contended that the Chief Justice had made a mistake in the law and had gone wrong and had arrived at wrong deductions. Mr. Sharp then went on to review the main facts and proceeded to argue on them. The case was adjourned.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D., state:—

Promotions.
No. 1245 Sapper W. J. Eldridge, Engineer Co., to be Lance Corporal, dated 17.3.16.
No. 1741 Sapper W. Kerr, Engineer Co., to be Lance Corporal, dated 18.3.16.
Leave.
Sgt. Maj. D. Blair is granted leave of absence from 25.3.16 to 31.12.16.
Medical Supplies.
Members of the Corps requiring mixtures to be repeated, cotton wool, bandages etc., from the Government Civil Hospital must in all cases obtain an order for same from Surgeon Major Black. Nothing will be supplied in future without such order.

Parades.
Parades for Tuesday, 21st instant:—
7.00 a.m. Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers, as detailed in Signalling Section order dated 8.12.15. Morse flag practice at Headquarters.

5.10 p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. M. G. drill at Kowloon Docks. Launch leaves Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sub-sections Arty. Btry. (as detailed in Corps Order No. 4 dated 30.12.15) 10-pdr. gun drill at Headquarters. Sgt. Bradley R.G.A. will attend.

5.15 p.m. Right Section M.G.Co. Section drill and Musketry exercises on Cricket Ground.

5.15 p.m. Left Section M. G. Co.—M. G. instruction at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. N.C. Os. of Scouts Co.—Special drill at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units—Squad drill & Rifle exercises at Headquarters under Sergs. Longmire & Ramsey.

5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section—Instruction at Headquarters.

Detail.
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On duty 22nd inst. Scouts Co. Orderly Officer, Lieut. C. Smith.

Notice.
Sergeants' Mess Annual Dinner.—Members intending to be present at the annual dinner on the 25th instant are requested to send in their names together with those of their guests to the Mess President at once. All names must reach the Mess President by noon on Wednesday, 22nd inst., otherwise accommodation will not be provided.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

Before Commander C.W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning, Police Sergeant Pincock charged the masters of the steam launches Lee Yuen, Lee Yick, Kwong Tung and Kwong Chee with unlawfully making fast their launches to the sea. Foonhing whilst under way in the Harbour, and with unlawfully covering with masting the names of their launches. The first, second and third defendants were sentenced to two months' hard labour, while the fourth defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Acting Lance Sergeant Wilson charged four boatmistresses with unlawfully using drags and grappling within the Harbour limits for the purpose of lifting articles from the bed thereof on the 19th inst. Defendants were fined \$5 each.

Two other boat-people, who were charged with unlawfully throwing rubbish into the Harbour on the 18th inst., were fined \$5 each.

Inspector George E. Royle (Reserve) charged a boatmistress with unlawfully allowing her boat to lie at a distance of less than 100 yards of low water mark, alongside the Praya Wall at Connaught Road, during prohibited hours at 11 p.m., on the 18th inst. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

The defendants were discharged.

POLICE RESERVE.

Competition for Drill Cup.

On Saturday afternoon, at the Central station, in presence of the Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Deputy and Assistant Superintendents, all of whom acted as judges—eleven platoons of the Police Reserve competed for possession of the "Devil's Own" Drill Cup, which, as we announced some while ago, has been presented by the members of the legal profession in Hongkong.

The men, for the most part, showed excellent form and may be said to reflect very great credit on their Superintendent, Inspectors and Sergeants. The "marks" were based on general smartness in presenting arms, marching past in line and in columns of fours, forming platoons while on the march, volley-firing, etc., and if raggedness and slowness were observable in one or two instances, there was no one platoon that failed to give a tolerably good account of itself in general.

In the end the judges awarded the Cup to the No. 2 Platoon of No. 1 Company (Kowloon, British) under Sergt. Wilks. Only two marks behind came No. 2 Platoon of No. 3 Company (Chinese) under Sergt. Wong; and there was a strong feeling among many of the spectators that this was the better batch of the two. In fact so markedly good was the Chinese platoon, that its members were greeted with a spontaneous burst of hand clapping as they fell out. Tying with the Chinese was a Portuguese platoon (No. 1 of No. 2 Company) under Sergt. Alves, which had also given the Kowloon men a sharp hunt for the Cup. The two Indian platoons, under Sergeants Arculli and Sufiam made, too, a very excellent showing. The Kowloon men are to be heartily congratulated on their win—the more so that they number many who are very busy men of middle age, whose proficiency has been acquired at the sacrifice of much personal leisure. The serious scores are appended.

The Cup may be seen at Messrs. Graup's. We understand that another drill competition will take place on May 20.

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Platoon 8: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 9: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 10: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 11: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 12: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 13: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

Platoon 14: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

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Platoon 17: P.S. Wilks, P.S. Wong, P.S. Alves, P.S. Arculli, P.S. Ram, P.S. Foad, P.S. Ribeiro, P.S. Silva Netto, P.S. Wong Tape, P.S. Estrada.

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DAY BY DAY.

Deck Passengers.

Therese Hahong, which arrived from Koochow yesterday, had on board 489 native deck passengers.

The Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals will meet to-morrow at noon at the Office of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Remanded.
Samuel Sequeira, an old offender, was brought up at the Police Court this morning charged with begging alms near the General Post Office. The case was remanded.

Theft of \$40.
Mrs. Kerr, of Kingsclere, has lodged a complaint at the Police Station concerning the loss of \$40. She says she walked from one room to another, and when she returned, the money, which she had laid on the table, had disappeared.

Prison for Pick Pocket.
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. Hazeland, a Chinese was charged with stealing from the person of another a watch and chain valued at \$180. The man was caught in the act of pocket-picking. He was sent to prison for a month.

American Tourists.
By the Cuyo Maru, which is due here about the end of this month, there will arrive in the Colony a party of about 24 American tourists, who are visiting the Far East in connection with a tour arranged by the Raymond and Whitcomb Company.

Mr. H. W. Kelly and Mr. A. L. Farwell are in charge of the party.

Victoria Theatre.
This evening, by special request, the Melbourne Comedy Co. will present at the Victoria Theatre "The Passing Show," which they gave sometime ago, and to-morrow evening "Keep Smiling," in which in which is introduced "The Sentry Box, the Maid and the Soldier" and "The Hongkong Suffragette" will be given. Many people did not see these performances when they were first given and it is in response to requests, that they are being repeated. There should be large houses. The first performance of the local revue, "Hallo Hongkong," will be given on Wednesday evening, and, judging by past standards, this should be immensely entertaining.

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COMPANY REPORT.

The Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The report of the above Company, for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-fourth annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, March 31, is as follows:—

The General Agents beg to submit to the shareholders their report on the Company's business for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The year's working shows a net profit of \$120,335.80, and as there was a debit balance of \$29,445.68 brought forward from the previous year, there is thus left \$90,890.12, out of which the General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend that a dividend of 5 per cent. (five per cent.) be paid to shareholders, amounting to \$35,000.00, and the remainder viz.—\$55,890.12 be carried forward to the new account.

Owing to the war in Europe and the elimination of the beet competition in the Far East, the Refinery has been able, under the careful supervision of the Manila Agents, Messrs. Smith Bell & Co., Ltd., to show a more favourable result.

Consulting Committee.—The Consulting Committee consists of Messrs. J.W.C. Bonnar and I.L.P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. Ltd. General Agents Hongkong, 16th March, 1916.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) says:—

Mounted Patrols.
General order No. 9 states:—

"The Police Reserve Mounted Patrols will commence duty on Monday, March 27th. They will patrol various districts and at varying hours. They will receive their Orders from the D.S.P. (R.) subject to such further Orders as may be given by the Captain Superintendent of Police. They will be subject to the directions of Regular Police Officer in charge of each district through which they pass and must report at all stations in such districts."

Drill Cup.
The "Devil's Own" Cup was won by the 2nd Platoon of No. 1 Company under Sergeant Wilks. This Platoon will, until further orders, march at the head of No. 1 Company.

The next competition will take place on Saturday, May 20th.

Musketry Part 2.
P.Cs. of the following Companies who have fired Ranges A and B will fire Ranges E and F on Sunday, March 26th, leaving Blake Pier as follows:—

9 a.m. No. 2 Company.
11.20 a.m. No. 3 Company.
2.20 p.m. No. 1 Company (3rd and 4th Platoons.)

The Platoons having the best average result in Part 2 will have their names placed on the Drill Cup, which will be in future known as the "Drill and Musketry Cup."

Joined.
No. 1 Co. No. 1 Platoon—A. Edwards.

Band Practice.
Tuesday, March 21st at 6.15 p.m. sharp.

Uniform.
Equipment officers and all ranks are directed to note that the Tailor will attend at Central Station on every Tuesday and Thursday between 5.30 and 6 p.m. Platoon Commanders are to see that the uniform (blue and white) of their men are made or altered to fit, particularly with regard to the collar, and length of trousers.

Serious Fire in Tokyo.

A fire broke out at the back of the Tomei Kan, a bazaar, in Kanda, Tokyo, early yesterday morning, says the *Kobe Herald* of March 3. The flames spread very rapidly, fanned by a strong north-westerly wind. Fire brigades of various Police Stations, in co-operation with a Company of soldiers, made every effort to control the fire, but without much success. Two large buildings were entirely destroyed, while seven other buildings used as shops were partially destroyed. The damage is put down at ¥80,000.

ANGLO-JAVA ESTATES, LTD.

Shareholders Agree to a Compromise.

Compromise was in the air at the annual meeting of shareholders in the Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd., yesterday, says the *China Press* of March 15, and it was very evident that the thing the shareholders were keenest about, was to get rid of the formation agreement which kept them tied down to Wattle and Co. in the event of the necessity arising for further capital. Thus it was that, after several attempts to frame an amendment to the proposal made as a result of the meeting between the directors and certain large shareholders, the following was proposed by Mr. F. B. Marshall, seconded by Mr. A. W. Burkill and carried on a show of hands by 47 to 43:—

"That the agreement made with Messrs. Wattle and Co., dated May 28, 1910, be cancelled by the issue of 12,500 shares at par, Tls. 450, to Messrs. Wattle and Co., the balance of 37,500 shares to be only issued if working capital is necessary and then only to shareholders."

Mr. Davidson, for Wattle and Co., said that he would accept this. There was a good deal of straight speaking by Mr. M. Speelman, Mr. A. W. Burkill, Mr. F. B. Marshall and one or two others. It was probably a record gathering for a Shanghai company.

Altogether, there were 170,600 shares represented and, though Wattle's board-room is a commodious chamber, the attendance was so big that all the seats were occupied and late comers had to crowd around the walls or sit on window-sills and not a few could do no better than pack as near the door as possible.

Mr. W. S. Davidson presided, the others at the board table being Messrs. J. H. McMichael, H. A. J. Macray and W. S. Jackson (director), D. McNeill (legal adviser), E. N. Matthews (auditor) and A. J. Welch (of the secretaries' office).

At the outset, the chairman said:—There are a number of people in this room who are not shareholders. As they have no right in the room, I must ask them to withdraw.

It was not noticed that anybody left.

Mr. C. R. Maguire:—Mr. Chairman, I think, seeing the position you hold in connection with Wattle and Co., it would be far better that you should temporarily vacate the chair and one of the other directors take that position.

There was some applause at this, but a chorus of dissent from the other directors.

The chairman:—I shall be very pleased to do that.

Mr. McNeill:—According to the articles of association, the chairman is quite entitled to occupy the chair.

The business then proceeded.

THE DISCOVERY OF SHELLS AT SHANGHAI.

Evidence of Co-suspect Complicity.

Sensational revelations were made at the French Mixed Court, Shanghai, yesterday, says the N. C. Daily News of March 14, in the case which arose out of the discovery of the 200 shells in a pond in a garden formerly occupied by Mr. A. Nielsen. Liu King-piao, chauffeur, Mr. Nielsen, was charged with being concerned in the unlawful storage of shells.

M. Alfonsi appeared for the French Police and gave evidence as to the circumstances in which the shells were found.

Liu Zu-tsen, fifty-four years of age and chief gardener at 44, French Siccawei Road, said he had been in the service of Mr. Otto Meuser for many years. When Mr. Meuser left for Europe, he gave a power of attorney to Mr. Streib, under whom witness continued to work. In March, 1915, four foreigners came to live on the property, two of them being Messrs. Morecher and Nielsen. Nielsen went away in July, 1915, but returned to settle there in November, bringing with him two boys, a cook and two chauffeurs—all Ningpo people, and Morecher went in the house when the fire broke out on January 19th, after which they left, leaving four dogs in the garden with a coolie to look after them.

Speaking of the discovery of the shells, witness said that on March 4th when the search was made, the French Police first discovered two cases, and when he saw that, witness told Yu Mao-mao, the second gardener, to look after the garden, while he went to tell Mr. Streib. When he told Mr. Streib what the French Police had discovered, he was very angry and said: "This is a bad affair. If these rascals, Nielsen and Morecher, had not been allowed to stay in the garden, all this dirty business would not have happened." Later Mr. Streib went to the Police Station.

Witness was later told by the second gardener that six more cases had been found and taken to the L. Kwei Police Station. Witness did not know by whom and when these cases were thrown into the pond, but many times he had seen Nielsen and Morecher arriving at the garden in motor cars with such cases, and there were no such cases in the garden before their coming. They were handled by the boys and the two foreigners, and stored in the house to which witness had not access. Sometimes, too, he had seen Nielsen and Morecher, with the help of the chauffeurs and the boys, take such cases out of the house and put them in the motor car and then drive off.

As soon as the French Police arrived at the garden on March 4th, Nielsen's coolie left the place in a hurry and did not return.

M. Dantin, chief of the French Fire Brigade, deposed to attending the fire at Nielsen's house on January 19th. When the Brigade arrived, Nielsen was present. He was barefooted and in night attire. Morecher also was present and with them witness noticed Mr. Dabestien, who was in evening dress.

Liu King-piao, aged 29 years, the accused chauffeur, a native of Ningpo, said he had been in the service of Mr. Nielsen for about eighteen months. When he entered the latter's service he was living at 32, Yangtze-poo Road, but in March of last year, he went to reside at 44, French Siccawei Road, returning to the former address in July. After the International Police had made the discovery of arms belonging to his master, witness said that Mr. Nielsen returned to 44, French Siccawei Road and lived there with Mr. Morecher. As there were cases of ammunition at 32, Yangtze-poo Road, his master ordered them to be brought to his new residence.

In reply to a question as to why his master made the transfer, witness said that it was for fear of any action which might be taken by the International Police.

Continuing, witness said that the removal of the cases was conducted at night, four or five cases at a time, in the motor car. They were put into the car by Nielsen and Morecher, and while this was being done, witness was

ordered to keep a look-out to watch for anyone coming. The cases being put into the car, the cover was put up in order to hide them and the trip was made to 44, French Siccawei Road.

As far as he could remember, 24 cases were thus removed from Yangtze-poo Road to French Siccawei Road, and the transfer was carried out between November 1st and 10th, 1915.

On November 12th, the French police stopped two carts coming from 32, Yangtze-poo Road in the charge of two Chinese, and witness had been told that on that occasion, the police seized some weapons and rifle ammunition belonging to his master.

The 24 cases of ammunition which Nielsen had thus transported to his new residence remained there for about a week, when Nielsen took some of them away, how many, witness could not remember. He took away two or three at a time and when doing so, was always accompanied by Morecher. On the road, Nielsen told witness to get down from the car as he did not wish for his presence any more. He then continued on his way with Morecher. Witness did not know where they went.

Speaking as to his master's other actions, witness averred that Nielsen went nearly every day to the German Consulate and generally stayed there for ten minutes at each visit. The calls were made either in the morning between 10 and 12 o'clock, or in the afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock. During the hearing of the arms case at the Mixed Court in October last, Nielsen went to the German Consul three times a day. Each time his master asked him not to speak about the matter.

The cases discovered by the French police were similar to the 24 cases which witness had spoken of.

On March 5th at four o'clock in the afternoon, Nielsen asked witness to come and see him at his office at 129, Chaotung Road. He then told witness not to go any more into the French Consulate. Witness asked why not and Nielsen replied: "Well, you know the French Police have discovered the cases of ammunition. If you go into the French Consulate, the Police can ask you questions, and it is better not to go." Nielsen then instructed his clerk Zao again to explain his instructions to witness, but the French police had witness arrested in the International Settlement. The cases discovered by the French police were similar to those which he had brought to the garden at the beginning of November.

The Assessor remarked that the case was a serious one, as it affected the peace of the Settlement and perhaps the lives of residents of all nationality. The fact that the principal criminal was not within the jurisdiction of the Court might be somewhat in favour of the accused chauffeur.

There had been 24 cases of 25 shells each, apparently stored by Nielsen in his garden, and as the French police had only been able up to the present to discover eight, further inquiry would be necessary to ascertain the whereabouts of the 400 missing projectiles. The case would, therefore, be adjourned for a week.

Alleged False Papers.

In the same Court, a woman named Schwartz, described as of unknown nationality, was charged with knowingly being in possession of false papers.

It was alleged that the defendant claimed French nationality, but subsequently claimed to be Russian, which the Russian Consulate refused to recognize.

In answer to the Court, the defendant admitted having false papers, said that her real name was Weinstein and not Schwartz, and that she had been married according to Jewish rites to a man named David Weissbergs or Weiss. She admitted an intimate friendship with Nielsen, but denied all knowledge of his business. She was arrested by the French Consul at the very time she was endeavouring to obtain a French passport to go to France.

The Assessor pointed out that in time of war, knowingly to be in possession of false papers was a serious matter. In order to allow Mr. G. D. Musso, who is for the defence, to prepare his case, the prisoner was remanded in bail of Tls. 500 until the next day.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

8% MILITARY LOAN. REDEMPTION OF BONDS DRAWN AT SECOND DRAWING.

Notice is hereby given to the public that at the second drawing for repayment of the Eight Per Cent Military Loan Bonds held on February 20th, 1916, \$1,150,000 worth of bonds have been drawn, which amount constitutes one-fifth of the bonds recognized by this Ministry. Numbers of drawn bonds will soon be published in the Government Gazette and other newspapers. Repayment of bonds in Singapore, Batavia and the Philippine Islands will be made by the branch offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at these places. In Cuba, repayments will be made by the Chung-hwa Guild in Yokohama by the Chinese Consulate-General in Kiangsi by the Kiangsi Bank; in Fukien by the Bank of China; in Peking by the Bank of China. Besides the above cases, repayments of drawn bonds will generally be made by the Bank of China, Shanghai. Drawn bonds when presented must be accompanied by all remaining coupons, as all such bonds are not entitled to any further interest after the payment of the Eighth Coupon. If all remaining coupons (beginning with the ninth coupon) are not presented together with the drawn bonds, then the total amount represented by these coupons shall be deducted from the principal to be repaid. Drawn bonds must be presented for repayment within five years from the date of Second Drawing, after which period of five years such bonds shall become null and void.

List of Numbers of 8% Military Bonds Drawn at the Second Drawing held on February 20th, 1916.

Numbers of \$1,000 Bonds.	Numbers of \$500 Bonds.
5-8	4256
12-15	4257-4264
16-19	4265-4272
20-23	4273-4280
24-27	4281-4288
28-31	4289-4296
32-35	4297-4304
36-39	4305-4312
40-43	4313-4320
44-47	4321-4328
48-51	4329-4336
52-55	4337-4344
56-59	4345-4352
60-63	4353-4360
64-67	4361-4368
68-71	4369-4376
72-75	4377-4384
76-79	4385-4392
80-83	4393-4400
84-87	4401-4408
88-91	4409-4416
92-95	4417-4424
96-99	4425-4432
100-103	4433-4440
104-107	4441-4448
108-111	4449-4456
112-115	4457-4464
116-119	4465-4472
120-123	4473-4480
124-127	4481-4488
128-131	4489-4496
132-135	4497-4504
136-139	4505-4512
140-143	4513-4520
144-147	4521-4528
148-151	4529-4536
152-155	4537-4544
156-159	4545-4552
160-163	4553-4560
164-167	4561-4568
168-171	4569-4576
172-175	4577-4584
176-179	4585-4592
180-183	4593-4600
184-187	4601-4608
188-191	4609-4616
192-195	4617-4624
196-199	4625-4632
200-203	4633-4640
204-207	4641-4648
208-211	4649-4656
212-215	4657-4664
216-219	4665-4672
220-223	4673-4680
224-227	4681-4688
228-231	4689-4696
232-235	4697-4704
236-239	4705-4712
240-243	4713-4720
244-247	4721-4728
248-251	4729-4736
252-255	4737-4744
256-259	4745-4752
260-263	4753-4760
264-267	4761-4768
268-271	4769-4776
272-275	4777-4784
276-279	4785-4792
280-283	4793-4800
284-287	4801-4808
288-291	4809-4816
292-295	4817-4824
296-299	4825-4832
300-303	4833-4840
304-307	4841-4848
308-311	4849-4856
312-315	4857-4864
316-319	4865-4872
320-323	4873-4880
324-327	4881-4888
328-331	4889-4896
332-335	4897-4904
336-339	4905-4912
340-343	4913-4920
344-347	4921-4928
348-351	4929-4936
352-355	4937-4944
356-359	4945-4952
360-363	4953-4960
364-367	4961-4968
368-371	4969-4976
372-375	4977-4984
376-379	4985-4992
380-383	4993-5000
384-387	5001-5008
388-391	5009-5016
392-395	5017-5024
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404-407	5041-5048
408-411	5049-5056
412-415	5057-5064
416-419	5065-5072
420-423	5073-5080
424-427	5081-5088
428-431	5089-5096
432-435	5097-5104
436-439	5105-5112
440-443	5113-5120
444-447	5121-5128
448-451	5129-5136
452-455	5137-5144
456-459	5145-5152
460-463	5153-5160
464-467	5161-5168
468-471	5169-5176
472-475	5177-5184
476-479	5185-5192
480-483	5193-5200
484-487	5201-5208
488-491	5209-5216
492-495	5217-5224
496-499	5225-5232
500-503	5233-5240
504-507	5241-5248
508-511	5249-5256
512-515	5257-5264
516-519	5265-5272
520-523	5273-5280
524-527	5281-5288
528-531	5289-5296
532-535	5297-5304
536-539	5305-5312
540-543	5313-5320
544-547	5321-5328
548-551	5329-5336
552-555	5337-5344
556-559	5345-5352
560-563	5353-5360
564-567	5361-5368
568-571	5369-5376
572-575	5377-5384
576-579	5385-5392
580-583	5393-5400
584-587	5401-5408
588-591	5409-5416
592-595	5417-5424
596-599	5425-5432
600-603	5433-5440
604-607	5441-5448
608-611	5449-5456
612-615	5457-5464
616-619	5465-5472
620-623	5473-5480
624-627	5481-5488
628-631	5489-5496
632-635	5497-5504
636-639	5505-5512
640-643	5513-5520
644-647	5521-5528
648-651	5529-5536
652-655	5537-5544
656-659	5545-5552
660-663	5553-5560
664-667	5561-5568
668-671	5569-5576
672-675	5577-5584
676-679	5585-5592
680-683	5593-5600
684-687	5601-5608
688-691	5609-5616
692-695	5617-5624
696-699	5625-5632
700-703	5633-5640
704-707	5641-5648
708-711	5649-5656
712-715	5657-5664
716-719	5665-5672
720-723	5673-5680
724-727	5681-5688
728-731	5689-5696
732-735	5697-5704
736-739	5705-5712
740-743	5713-5720
744-747	5721-5728
748-751	5729-5736
752-755	5737-5744
756-759	5745-5752
760-763	5753-5760
764-767	5761-5768
768-771	5769-5776
772-775	5777-5784
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788-791	5809-5816
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796-799	5825-5832
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808-811	5849-5856
812-815	5857-5864
816-819	5865-5872
820-823	5873-5880
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832-835	5897-5904
836-839	5905-5912
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844-847	5921-5928
848-851	5929-5936
852-855	5937-5944
856-859	5945-5952
860-863	5953-5960
864-867	5961-5968
868-871	5969-5976
872-875	5977-5984
876-879	5985-5992
880-883	5993-6000
884-887	6001-6008
888-891	6009-6016
892-895	6017-6024
896-899	6025-6032
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Numbers of \$1,000 Bonds.

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Numbers of \$100 Bonds.

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OFFICIAL MARKET PRICES

Hongkong, March 12, 1915.
BUTCHER MEAT.

	Cts.
Beef Sirloin—Kai Lung Pa	1b 19
Prime Cut	21
Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	19
Roast—Shin	19
Roast—Ngau Lam	17
Soup—Tung Yuk	15
Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	20
do—Sirloin—Ngau Lan	30
Sausages—Ngau Cheung	24
Ballot's Brains—No	per set 10
Tongue, fresh—Ngau Li	each 50
do—corned—Ham Ngau Li	60
Head—Ngau Tau	\$1.00
Heart—Ngau Sam	1b 14
Hump, Salt—Ngau Kim	20
Keet—Ngau Keek	each 11
Kidneys—Ngau Yim	11
Tail—Ngau Mei	18
Liver—Ngau Kon	1b 13
Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	8
Calves' Head & Feet—Ngau-tai-tan-keek	set \$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwat	1b 25
Leg—Yeung Pui	24
Shoulder—Yeung Shan	24
Saddle	27
Pigs Chittings—Chu Chong	27
Brains—Chu No	per set 24
Keet—Chu Keek	1b 13
Fry—Chu Chap	15
Head—Chu Tan	16
Heart—Chu Sam	each 11
Kidneys—Chu Yim	18
Liver—Chu Kon	1b 28
Pork Chop—Chu Pui Kwat	24
Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	28
Leg—Chu Pui	20
Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	20
Sheeps' Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keek	set 60
Heart—Yeung Sam	each 8
Kidneys—Yeung Yim	

SHARE MARKET
QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Yangtze ex. 73 h.	\$ 290.00
Unions. sa. & b.	\$ 1,000.00
China Fire.	h. \$ 165.00
H.K. Fire.	sa. \$ 420.00
Douglases.	b. \$ 134.00
Steamboats.	h. \$ 20.00
Indo-Com.	sa. \$ 178.50
Indo-Def.	sa. \$ 131.50
Shells.	a. 98/6
Kailans.	b. 35/-
Troch.	a. 40/-
Urals.	b. 35/-
Wharves.	b. \$ 71.00
Docks (Old).	b. \$ 118.00
Docks (New).	b. \$ 113.00
West Points.	b. \$ 87.50
Centrals.	b. \$ 10.50
Electrics.	b. \$ 45.00
Ropes.	a. \$ 39.00
Trams.	a. \$ 6.00

LAWN TENNIS.

Further Games in the H.K.C.C.
Tournament.

Despite the somewhat inclement weather prevailing, several games were played off on Saturday afternoon in connection with the tennis tournament of the Hongkong Cricket Club. The rain had made the courts a trifle less hard, but the quality of the play was not interfered with. The following were the results—

Open Championship Singles.—V. A. Yvanovich beat Captain Milner-Jones, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 2-8, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A."—E. Abraham (rec. 4-6) beat W. G. C. Worcester (rec. 15-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1).

Handicap Singles "B."—F. Berington (rec. 3-6) beat F. Van der Wal (rec. 3-6), 6-4, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.—H. C. Sandford and L. N. Murphy (rec. 15-3) beat P. S. Cassidy and A. Moore (rec. 15-3), 8-6, 6-1; S. H. Dodwell and E. A. Nisbet (owe 15-4) beat O. H. Ritter and H. B. L. Dowbiggin (rec. 15), 9-7, 5-7, 6-1.

To-morrow's Games.

Among the games fixed for to-morrow is that in the championship singles between F. L. Yung and E. A. Nisbet. These players have met before but it will be remembered that when four sets had been decided, after a brilliant display, Yung had to give up because of cramp. No doubt great interest will be evinced in the re-play.

The other games arranged are—Open Championship Singles.—Ng See Kwong v. W. L. Wei; H. J. Verney v. Wan Yik-shung; Professional Pairs.—C. E. H. Beavis and E. Davidson v. F. Berington and T. W. Hill; Lt. Col. Crisp and Lieut. O. R. Hamilton v. W. G. Worcester and H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—Capt. and Mrs. Hammond (owe 3/6) v. S. H. Dodwell and Miss Wilkinson (owe 4/6).

Hongkong Tennis League.

The report of the above League issued by Mr. W. H. Vivesash, Hon. Secretary, is as follows—On behalf of the Committee I have much pleasure in presenting the seventh annual report of the Tennis League.

Ten Clubs participated in the Shield Competition, viz.—Kowloon A. Hongkong C. C., University, Olympic Club de Recreio, Kowloon B. Y. M. C. A. (European), Civil Service, Chinese Recreation and Wigwam, (a record number for the H. K. Tennis League).

The shield was won by Kowloon A, who went through the season without a defeat. Out of the forty-five fixtures, forty-four were played. The usual match, Champions v. Rest of League, was not played owing to wet weather.

The accounts show a balance in hand of \$87.63.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on Thursday, March 23, at 5.15 p.m.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.—E. Hancock and Mr. Moxon (owe 30) beat N. E. Kent and Miss Whitmarsh (owe 15), 6-4, 10-12, 6-3.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Self-Respect and Temptation.

Notes of a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at the Union Church yesterday morning—

Text: Nehemiah 6/11. "And I said, should such a man as I flee? and who is there, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in." Nehemiah's temptation, like so many more, was to do a thing perfectly right in itself. Unable to involve him in disloyal intrigues, his enemies plotted to put him in fear of his life, and so destroy his influence and his work. To the traitor's representations that his life is too valuable to be endangered, he replied "Should such a man as I flee?" turning the tables upon temptation, which is often an excellent way to meet it. The leader is indispensable no doubt, but not a leader who has lost his nerve and his faith, barricaded away not only from danger but from duty. He of all others, must not give way to fear, or panic will fall upon the rest. It is said that the German officers in the recent desperate attacks found it necessary to change their methods and take to leading their men forward instead of driving them from behind. Whether the fact is quite so or not, the true lesson is enforced that leaders must lead. Position brings responsibilities. Few things are more harmful than a bad moral example on the part of persons in responsible positions. Nehemiah's refusal should be taken to heart by heads of firms and of households, and departments, by seniors in offices, agencies, engine-rooms, by teachers and instructors, by all whose behaviour is likely to set the standard for others who look up to them in any way, dependent on them in any degree. But Nehemiah's example is not only for those who may be in such special circumstances. The principles by which the great figures of history live their lives uprightly and in the fear of God apply to us all, though we be but humble members of the rank and file in the great human host. Like them, we need to summon up due self-respect to fortify ourselves against the temptations which are common to all men, both humble and exalted. No doubt people need to be warned against making too much of themselves, as so often is done. Yet does not endless harm come from men and women making too little of themselves? We can be conceited enough about foolish little things, and truly it is a sad spectacle. People please themselves on little insignificant points in which they show to some advantage, real or imaginary, over others around them. A little more education, a little more money, a little more good luck or good looks, and the possessor would scarcely seem to be of the same clay with the rest of us often. But, vain though we may be of trifles which differentiate us from our fellows, are we half proud enough of the great, stable, imperishable things which they and we hold in common, our human nature, our common duty, the image of God at least potentially in every one of us? When all has been said, a man's man, and the best in any man is what he shares with every other man. The preciousness of us men and women is just the humanity of us, neither more nor less, and our credit or discredit lies in making the most or the least of it. The Superman called is only a bombastic and objectionable prize as we meet him in books, and in actual life a dangerous lunatic to be kept away from the powder barrel and the poison pot. "Which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God?" only the New Testament gives us that, and you can never get beyond it. A man's man; every man who gets real hold upon that will be content with it, and when he is tempted to sin will summon up his proper pride and self-respect and say, "Should such a man as I do this?" It is worthy of notice that the Lord Jesus laid Himself out to inspire respect for common humanity and to fortify common folk with self-respect. True, He bade us learn of Him, to be meek and lowly of heart. Genially He pointed out as not discharged.

for imitation such petty vanities as looking for the upper seats at feasts and so forth. Sharply He rebuked strife about who was to be the greatest in the new kingdom, and firmly forbade to His disciples the patronising spirit of the world's little great ones who exercise lordship and love to be styled benefactors. In His train there is certainly no place for petty pride and silly vanity. But when it comes to the great thing, the preciousness of a human life, its dignity, its possibilities, how encouragingly He speaks, as of men and women in danger of thinking they are of no importance and that it doesn't matter—and once let man or woman begin to think it doesn't matter it will soon be all over. "Ye are of more value than many sparrows," He said to the humble folk who gathered round Him. "Look at the lilies; consider the fowls of the air; think what pains God spends on them." Again, when taken to task for befriending neglected nobodies, He justifies His actions by declaring them to be somebodies. "How much better is a man than a sheep?" He demands, and the question is not out of place in a world which until quite recently used to hang men for stealing sheep, even in the enlightened parts of it. Publicans and sinners gathered to Him, and fault-finders got their threefold retribution when He compared even the outcast and the worthless as in God's eyes like one strayed sheep in a hundred, one can count on a herd of ten, one son lost out of two. He goes to Jericho and invites Himself into the least likely house in the town, that of Zaccheus "forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham." On the very cross He binds up the life of a poor self-convicted malefactor with His own, and pledges their future in common: "this day thou shalt be with Me." "Such a man as that," we say; there are some who can never forgive the Lord, apparently, for forgiving that poor creature. We do not realise what a force and fortitude, what a hope and transformation, come into a sinful man's heart when he comes to know how the Lord loves him. That is where the dying thief has much to teach many to-day, and the publicans, and the Magdalen, and Zaccheus. It was because the Lord loved them that they began to feel some other sensation than the hopeless misery of self-blame and the bitter defiance which comes of being shunned and despised, of the feelings which so often make men and women go from bad to worse. In touch with the cross, you may hate yourself worse than ever, but you cannot wholly despair of yourself when you see there how the Lord loves you. And though that love does outstrip all that our narrow hearts are capable of in following it, we still have the key to some understanding of it within ourselves, the more as we gain experience of life and grow in the charity we need to give and take. "Such a man as he!" How often have you said it. He came out there to live among us, and he had such hopes, such gifts such good resolves. But the place was too much for him. The slack standards of the East let him down. Men who ought to have known better put evil in his way. Women who might have helped him failed to do so. So it is one more unfortunate who has left off to be wise and to do good; another mother's son shipwrecked on our sinful secularity; one more added to might-have-beens. But where men see only a might-have-been the Saviour of men sees a yet-maybe. There is no regretful soul willing to take a new turning to the right but may humbly say, "Should such a man as I stay where I am now, such a man as, through my Saviour, I may yet become, made over again in Him, saved through His Cross?" A new self-respect takes the place of the old selfwill, and the recovered soul declares, "I will arise, and go to my Father."

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TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

FALL IN WHEAT PRICES.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

March 18, 12.30 p.m. There has been a remarkable fall in wheat and maize on London markets in the past few days by 5s. to 8s. This is attributed to large realisations by firms which consider that the early future is full of uncertainties, especially in view of the large amount of grain lately acquired by the Government. Also, the reports of Turkey's serious plight are encouraging the belief of the possibility of dealing with Russian wheat freights. The markets have also declined owing to the absence of chartering by merchants and the larger number of vessels available.

THE CAPTURE OF SOLLUM; A GRAPHIC STORY.

March 19, 1.50 a.m.

The Press Bureau says that after the capture of Sollum, a number of armoured motor cars, under the Duke of Westminster, was sent on March 14 to occupy the enemy's camp at Birwar, 25 miles westwards. On the way the cars passed some hundred Bedouin fleeing west, but ignored them. On sighting the camp, they made straight for it and the enemy brought into action two machine guns, which were smartly handled, but the whole of the gun teams were shot down while the cars were 400 yards away. The cars then dashed into the camp, the enemy scattering in all directions. They were pursued, but after ten miles there was a danger of the petrol becoming exhausted. When the cars re-assembled, it was found that all the enemy artillery, three guns, nine machine guns, and 29 spare barrels and a large quantity of ammunition was in our hands. Ninety-one prisoners from shipwrecked crews were rescued. Our force consisted of eight officers, and 32 other ranks. Our only casualty was an officer who was only slightly wounded, while the enemy had 50 killed. A very skilful campaign was thus successfully concluded. In three weeks General Peyton's force captured the hostile commander and killed or captured quite half of the Turkish subordinate commanders. It has driven the scattered remnants of the enemy far beyond the border, and has taken all artillery and machine guns. During the operations, our force advanced 150 miles. The work of the infantry was extremely arduous owing to the lack of water, but all difficulties were overcome with splendid spirit.

ANOTHER DUTCH BOAT TORPEDOED.

All Saved.

March 18, 6.25 p.m.

The Dutch steamer Palembang, bound for Java, has been torpedoed in the North Sea. The crew were saved.

Three Torpedoes.

March 19, 4.20 a.m.

Fifty-five of the crew and two Dutch passengers of the Palembang have been landed at Harwich. They state that the vessel sank in seven minutes. Nine of the crew were injured by the explosion. The discipline was perfect and all were saved in the boats. The Captain's dog, which was drowned, was the only fatality. Some of the crew state that three torpedoes were fired. The weather was fine and most clear. The Palembang was steaming fairly rapidly.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday.]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

March 18, 11.45 p.m.

A communique states that yesterday evening, the enemy's bombers made a feeble demonstration near the Hohenzollern Redoubt. We sprang a mine south-west of Loos with good effect. There was mutual artillery activity about Loos and Ypres.

March 17, 12.35 p.m.

A French communique indicates that the Germans have lost the footing which they gained on the low spur of Deadman Hill on Tuesday. As the situation develops, the mystery of the German intentions deepens. There is much speculation in Paris as to what the repeated prolonged pauses between the German short-lived offensives mean. It is believed possible that the Germans, while maintaining a show of activity at Verdun, intend to divert the offensive elsewhere; but this hypothesis is not generally favoured, as all signs point not merely to the check of their original designs but to the weakening of their instrument of attack—although they are still bringing up re-inforcements. A hundred and thirty trains were counted in twenty-four hours passing the northern French frontiers.

March 17, 1.35 p.m.

According to Reuter's Athens correspondent, advices from Florina state that the Germans are withdrawing troops from Serbian Macedonia and are transferring them to the Western front.

March 17, 4.00 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that a feature of a communique is that there has been another most serious German check. East of the Meuse, a bombardment was followed from eight in the evening onwards by a series of very violent offensive actions against our positions at the village and fort of Vaux. Five successive attacks by heavy effectives were hurled forward by the Germans, without any success. Two attacks were directed against the village, and two more against the slopes of the ridge that is crowned by the fort; and, finally, an attempt was made to debouch from the sunken road south-east of the village. All attacks were shattered by our curtains of fire and by our machine guns, and they cost the enemy important sacrifices.

There has been a reciprocal cannonade at Wavre. A French coup de main, west of Pont-a-Mousson, inflicted losses, and we took a number of prisoners.

The bombardment west of the Meuse has slackened, and the Germans have not renewed their attempts on Bethuneourt and Comiers after yesterday's sanguinary defeat there.

March 17, 11.35 p.m.

A communique says that there is considerable artillery activity south and north-east of Loos, with some mutual shelling south-east of Ypres.

THE NEAR EAST.

March 18, 12.50 a.m.

A Belgrade communique says:—After an engagement we have occupied the town of Stanitsa, nearly 20 miles west of Erzerum, capturing five guns, machine guns and a convoy, with 44 officers and 770 Askars.

March 17, 5.45 p.m.

A telegram from Rome states that the Russians are attacking Tripoli by sea and by land, with large forces.

TELEGRAMS.

THE ITALIANS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

March 18, 12.50 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, a communique reports considerable activity. The enemy, supported by artillery, attempted to attack Italian positions south-east of Rovereto and in the Sagana valley, but was repulsed.

There has been an intense artillery action on the Isone, the Italians vigorously responding, and capturing a trench.

March 17, 4.45 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey announced that Italy has taken out powers of requisition in the case of thirty-six German liners detained at Italian ports. Their tonnage amounts to 142,000.

THE KING AND HIS IRISH GUARDS.

March 17, 5.45 p.m.

It being St. Patrick's Day, Their Majesty inspected the Irish Guards, who were led by Earl Kitchener. The King, in a stirring speech, paid a tribute to the loyalty and courage of the Irish Guards, and the Queen presented the regiment with shamrock. Mr. John Redmond was present.

His Majesty, who was loudly acclaimed, walked without any sign of his recent accident.

ITALIANS REPULSE ENEMY.

March 18, 11.45 p.m.

A Rome communique says:—After a violent bombardment, the enemy made two fierce attacks on our newly-captured positions in the San Martino zone. He twice reached the parapets but was repulsed. The ground was covered with corpses.

THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF WAR.

March 17, 2.00 a.m.

Lieut.-General Roques has been appointed Minister of War, in succession to General Gallieni, who resigned on account of ill-health.

March 17, 12.55 p.m.

General Roques is a favourite with the army. He organised the French Air Service and has commanded an army at the Front.

C.P.R. AND RETURNED SOLDIERS.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Montreal, Lord Shaghnessy announces a scheme for the settlement of disbanded soldiers. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is preparing a thousand farms in Western Canada, which will be grouped in colonies with military names, with a central instruction farm.

THE INVALIDS.

March 17, 11.50 a.m.

Mr. Aquil and Lord Curzon are improving. Mr. Chamberlain is much better.

"STANDARD" SUSPENDS PUBLICATION.

March 17, 11.50 a.m.

The Standard has ceased publication.

All the newspapers regret the suspension of their historic confrere. It is pointed out that the Standard copyright is preserved with a view to re-publication.

THE NEXT ALLIED CONFERENCE.

March 17, 11.30 a.m.

The next Allied conference will be held in Rome shortly. Mr. Lloyd George will attend and, possibly, also Sir Edward Grey. The conference is being held at the request of the Government in London.

THE TRADE UNIONS.

March 17, 11.50 p.m.

Yesterday the South Wales coal-owners and the Miners' Federation decided that all workmen should be required to become trade unionists, with a view to preventing restriction of output by strikes over the non-unionist question during war.

THE TUBANTIA.

March 17, 12.50 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, the Dutch Ministry of Marine publishes the affidavits of the First and Fourth Officers, which state that the look-out man saw a torpedo hit the Tubantia.

March 17, 1.35 p.m.

A flashing wire states that it was very dark and that there was a heavy sea running, at the time of the explosion on the Tubantia. Some of the lifeboats were smashed, and passengers were thrown out of their berths. Everyone behaved magnificently, and boats were launched in the most orderly manner, the passengers being taken off first. The captain left a few minutes before the ship sank.

March 17, 1.35 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, three people have made affidavits affirming that they clearly saw the white wake of a torpedo approaching the liner which was holed two metres under the water-line, on the starboard side. The Rotterdamse Courant says: "The crime is inexcusable."

March 18, 9.20 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Tubantia was one of the finest vessels of the Dutch mercantile marine, and that her loss has caused consternation. There were five South Africans on board, and six European naval countries were represented in the passenger list, the names including those of diplomats and consuls.

March 18, 9.20 p.m.

The Nieuws van den Dag accepts the torpedoing of the Tubantia as a confirmation of the Berlin Government's announcement that the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz in nowise indicates that it is Germany's intention to carry on a milder naval warfare.

GERMANY'S FINANCIAL TROUBLES.

March 17, 2.20 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam Dr. Hildebrand, in presenting the German Budget, announced the necessity of raising five hundred million marks by new taxation. He admitted that the food problem had become more difficult and emphasized the fact that the new War Loan would be the most significant point in the struggle.

GEO. P. LAMMERT.**AUCTIONEER, SHARE & GENERAL BROKER.**

THE Underigned has received instructions from the Liquidators of A. Bane to sell by Public Auction on **WEDNESDAY, the 22nd March, 1916** commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 4, Des Voeux Road Central, A Quantity of Valuable Household and Office Furniture Also

3 Smith Premier Typewriters Iron Safe.

On view from Tuesday, the 21st instant.

Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1916.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **SATURDAY, the 25th March, 1916** commencing at 11 a.m.

(For account of the concerned) at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Wines and Spirits comprising:—

40 Cases Burgundy and White Wine (Pommard, Nuits, Beaune, Macon, Meursault, Chablis, Beaujolais).

30 Cases Hock (superior qualities).

22 Cases Champagne (Perinet, Fils) qts. and ptes.

5 Cases Peppermint.

17 Cases Cognac (Cassemer and Sarrazac).

30 Cases Whisky (John Beggs and Blackmore).

30 Cases Vermouth.

10 Cases Jeffrey's Stout (pints).

On view from Friday, the 24th inst.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

NOTICES.**NOTICE.**

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Lease of Old Land Office Building," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of **MONDAY, the 3rd April, 1916**, for the lease of the two-story building formerly occupied by the Land Office, adjoining the Old Supreme Court, from 1st May, 1916, to 31st December, 1918, subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of Five hundred Dollars (\$500) as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the above-mentioned conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works, Public Works Office, Hongkong, 16th March, 1916.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-Seventh Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the underigned at Noon on **TUESDAY, the 28th instant.**

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1916.

Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd. ESTABLISHED 1834.

The Underigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., AGENTS.

NOTICES.**THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on **FRIDAY, the 31st March, 1916**, at 11.35 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing as Extraordinary Resolutions the resolutions following, namely:—

(1) That it is desirable to reconstruct the Company and accordingly that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Arthur Rylands Lowe, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, Chartered Accountant, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up and that Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled accordingly.

(2) That Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., the General Agents of this Company, be authorised and requested to procure the incorporation in the Philippine Islands of a new Company to be called the Malabon Sugar Company (of which Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., shall be appointed by agreement General Managers) with Articles of Incorporation and By-laws in such form as the General Agents shall approve.

(3) That the draft Agreement submitted to this meeting marked "A" and expressed to be made between this Company, and its Liquidator of the one part and the Malabon Sugar Company of the other part be and the same is hereby approved and that the said Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised pursuant to Section 185 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 to enter into an Agreement with such new Company (when incorporated) upon the terms of the said draft Agreement and to carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications as he thinks expedient.

(4) That the said Liquidator be authorised to obtain advances from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., of any moneys required upon such terms as he sees fit and to make arrangements if he thinks fit for Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., to continue managing the affairs of the Company on such terms as he thinks fit until the undertaking of the Company is handed over to the said Malabon Sugar Company pursuant to any Agreement entered into by virtue of Resolution No. 3.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 16th day of March, 1916.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

G. P. LAMMERT,

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Tenders are invited for the supply of Painters and Scrapers for painting, coating and scraping H.M. Ships, &c., laying on and painting cork gun on H.M. Ships, &c., and coating Torpedo Boats and Lighters, &c., to H.M. Naval Yard.

Form of Tender can be obtained at the Chief Constructor's Office, H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, and should be filled in and returned at as indicated in Tender Form not later than noon on **Monday, 27th March.**

C. D. BELL, Chief Constructor.

REMINGTON TYPEWRITERS.

We are informed that the British Home Government Authorities recently prohibited the purchase by local British Government Offices of Remington Typewriters. We are without any information as to the reason for this but we are now glad to inform the public that the prohibition has been cancelled.

MUSTARD & COMPANY, Hongkong, China and Macao Agents, Remington Typewriter Co., Hotel Buildings, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1916.

POST OFFICE.

Correspondence addressed to agency subjects in China, Siam, Persia, and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

MAILS DUE.

Europe, (via Nagasaki), Kusan, 21st March.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Straits—Per INDRAGIRI, 20th March, 3 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAI-HONG, 21st March, 1 p.m.

Straits, India via Calcutta—Per SUI-SANG, 21st March, 3 p.m.

Saigon—Per TELEMACUS, 21st March, 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per ANHUI, 21st March, Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Per P.O. Sam, 25th March.]

WEDNESDAY, 22nd March.

Fort Bayard & Haiphong—Per HANOL, 22nd March, 3 a.m.

Haiphong—Per SUNKIANG, 22nd March, 10 a.m.

Newchwang—Per KICKIANG, 22nd March, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, B.C., United Kingdom, United States, South America and Canada—via Vancouver (Europe via Siberia)—Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 22nd March, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

[Shanghai Per P.O. Sam, 25th March.]

Philippine Is.—Per TAIKING, 22nd March, 3 p.m.

Straits—Per TONGHONG, 22nd March, 3 p.m.

Straits—Per CHILDAK, 21st March, 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 23rd March.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 23rd March, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, 24th March.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe—Per AMARON, 24th March, Registration 3.15 p.m. Letters 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, 25th March.

Tientsin—Per KUMCHOW, 25th March, 11 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe—Per AMARON, 25th March, Registration 3.15 p.m. Letters 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, 26th March.

Swatow, Amoy, Foochow via Tientsin—Per SAIGI MARU, 26th March, 9 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, Burma, Cape Town, Java and London—Per MIYABAKI MARU, 26th March, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 28th March.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 28th March, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, 7th April.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe—Per MALTA, 7th April, Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

MONDAY, 10th April.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, via Port Darwin & New Guinea via Thursday Islands—Per CHANGSHA, 10th April, Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

Oysters, Fresh, Fried or Stewed.

Finland Haddocks, Kippers &c.

ALEXANDRA CAFE.**SHIPPING NEWS.****ARRIVED.**

Kwangshai, Br. ss. 1,335, C. Stewart, 15th March—Shanghai, 15th March, Gen. C. M. S. N. C.

Hankow, Br. ss. 700, Moovan, 18th March—Haiphong, 17th March, Gen. A. R. Marty.

Solomon Islands, Br. ss. 3,900, P. P. 15th March—Shanghai, 15th March, Gen. A. P. & Co.

Glanstrae, Br. ss. 3,945, Regent, 18th March—Nankai, 14th March, Gen. S. T. & Co.

Kassu, Br. ss. 1,233, Cobe, 19th March—Saigon, 14th March, Rice—B. & S.

Sinkiang, Br. ss. 1,166, C. C. Williams, 19th March—Shanghai, 15th March, Gen. B. & S.

Lohang, Br. ss. 977, Ritchie, 19th March—Haiphong, 18th March, Gen. J. M. & Co.

Seward, Am. ss. J. Johnson, 19th March—Mika, 15th March, Coal—J. M.

Sumatra, Br. ss. 3,271, O. C. Nordfildt, 19th March—Gothaburg, 19th March, Gen. S. T.

Haiphong, Br. ss. 1,270, J. W. Evans, 19th March—Swatow, 15th March, Gen. D. L. & Co.

Haiphong, Br. ss. 1,353, A. E. Hodgins, 19th March—Saigon, 14th March, Gen. Chinese.

Nevia, Nor. ss. 954, G. Solberg, 19th March—Saigon, 14th March, Rice—T. & Co.

Saim, Nor. ss. 853, E. Haythorpe, 19th March—Saigon, 15th March, Rice—T. & Co.

Baldie, Nor. ss. 1,055, A. Saxon, 20th March—Saigon, 17th March, Gen. J. C. J. L.

Tientsin, Br. ss. 1,233, Cogan, 20th March—Wank, 14th March, Gen. B. & S.

Hijiang, Br. ss. 1,833, C. A. Kennedy, 20th March—Hongkong, 15th March, Coal—J. M. & Co.

Manila, Maru, Jap. ss. 6,033, N. Kobayashi, 20th March—Shanghai, 17th March, Gen. O. S. K.

Hupoh, Br. ss. 1,239, 24th March—Saigon, 15th March, Rice—B. & S.

DEPARTED.

March 18.

Kaio Maru for Tientsin via Swatow.

Hankow for Nanchang via Weihaiwei.

Prometheus for Saigon.

Yuenan for Manila.

Sulair for A. C. Wan via Macao.

Changchow for Hongkong via Canton.

Hongwan for Hongkong.

Chiyen for Canton.

Benary for Yokohama via Nagasaki.

Chenai for Shanghai.

March 20.

Choyang for Canton.

Shimon for Saigon.

Hsinchen for Canton.

Changchow for Hongkong via Swatow.

Sumatra for Yokohama via Vladivostok.

Suikiang for Canton.

Manapouri for Saigon.

Tientsin for Canton.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Mar., 1916.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1915. 1916.

1st Mar. 1st Mar.

2nd Mar. 2nd Mar.

3rd Mar. 3rd Mar.

4th Mar. 4th Mar.

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26th Mar. 26th Mar.

27th Mar. 27th Mar.

28th Mar. 28th Mar.

29th Mar. 29th Mar.

30th Mar. 30th Mar.

31st Mar. 31st Mar.

1st Apr. 1st Apr.

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